



We have a number of new ENERGY STAR® resources and Portfolio Manager updates to tell you about in this bimonthly ENERGY STAR Trainer Community update!

New ENERGY STAR Resources

ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Small Business, Congregations

Two new tools tailored to help small businesses and congregations save money and reduce energy use were just released. The guides help users identify low-cost and no-cost energy efficiency projects, leverage the time and talent of their staff and members, and learn how to make strategic investments to reduce energy use, save money, and prevent pollution. The Small Business Guide also helps small companies understand how to “prevent pollution at a profit” and showcase their environmental commitment to staff and customers. Learn more about each guide at www.energystar.gov/smallbiz or www.energystar.gov/congregations.

Updated Portfolio Manager® training offerings

In June, we will be presenting updated versions of our standard Portfolio Manager trainings, presented via <https://esbuildings.webex.com>. We’ve slimmed down our Portfolio Manager 101 and 201 offerings to run just one hour, and created a separate Portfolio Manager 301 training focused on advanced features of the tool, and helping users interpret their building data. While we have not added content, we have updated and reworked the presentations and will be posting the latest versions, including updated screenshots and speaker’s notes, on the trainer community website the week of June 22nd.

Portfolio Manager Updates

New comparison table on building Summary tab

A new comparison table has been added to the building summary tab to give you easy access to several metrics about your building (see below). You can also update the table to view metrics for any time period, and get detailed explanations to help you fix problems by clicking on the hyperlinked “Not Available” text.

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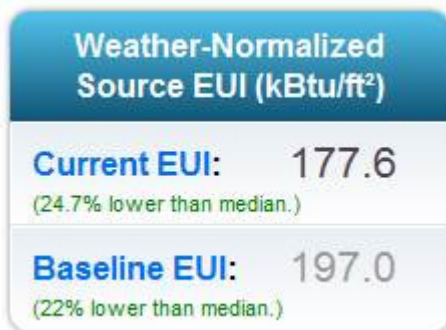
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Metrics Summary		Change Time Period	
Metric	Baseline (Dec 2012)	Current (Jan 2015)	Change
ENERGY STAR score (1-100)	Not Available	Not Available	N/A
Source EUI (GJ/m ²)	3.49	3.28	-0.21(-6.0%)
Site EUI (GJ/m ²)	1.78	1.69	-0.09(-5.1%)
Energy Cost (\$)	30,840,001.32	Not Available	N/A
Total GHG Emissions (Metric Tons CO ₂ e)	75,293.1	70,994.2	-4298.9(-5.7%)

Median comparison for properties without scores

For properties that cannot earn scores, additional information is provided in the Weather-Normalized Source EUI box to help you determine if your property is performing better or worse than the median (see below). This update was motivated by comments from our December 2014 user survey.



Degree Days calculator

This new online calculator pulls weather station data—including heating and cooling degree days (HDD and CDD)—from more than 900 weather stations around the United States and Canada. This data is already in Portfolio Manager but may be useful to extract separately for other uses:

www.energystar.gov/DegreeDaysCalculator

Upcoming alert improvements

We're currently working on a suite of enhancements to make it easier to find and fix problems in Portfolio Manager. First, we're re-writing all of our alerts to provide more information about the problem, and directions for what to do next. For example, rather than saying "Your Weekly Operating Hours does not fall within the range required for a score." We will say: "The Weekly Operating Hours for your Office is 15, but the hours must be at least 30 to get an ENERGY STAR score. Double check your Weekly Operating Hours."

We're also adding more alerts to the Data Quality Checker for all 85 property types, and reformatting the Data Quality Checker so that it's easier to navigate. We'll release these improvements in batches, some later this summer, and some in early fall.

We look forward to bringing you ENERGY STAR news throughout 2015! Until next time, please direct any questions to www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp. You can also follow us on Twitter at #EnergyStarBldgs.

